

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: December 18, 2020

Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, December 21st, their last meeting of 2020. The meeting will hopefully include a virtual tour of the Community Sharing Warming Shelters.

Community Sharing Warming Shelters Open House

The City of Cottage Grove and Community Sharing will be hosting an Open House at the Warming Shelter location on North 12th Street on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend to get a better understanding how this valuable program started by Beds for Freezing Nights a number of years ago is continuing this year during the pandemic through a partnership between the City and Community Sharing. Masks will be required and distancing standards will be followed.

Friday Update Holiday Schedule

There will be no Friday Update next week for the Christmas holiday. Everyone have a Merry Christmas. A special year-end edition of the Friday Update will be put out on December 30th. Then we will be back to the regular schedule on January 8, 2021.

Vision Keeper Committee Opening

The City is seeking applications for one open position on the Vision Keepers Committee to serve a two year term. Applicants will be interviewed and then confirmed by the Cottage Grove City Council. The role of the Vision Keepers is to monitor progress of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision Action Plan, encourage implementation of actions, provide technical assistance or support where appropriate, produce annual progress reports, and recommend minor modifications to the plan as necessary. The Vision Keepers hold quarterly team progress meetings, and develop annual awards to recognize individuals and organizations for exceptional service towards promoting achievement of the Cottage Grove 2037 Action Plan. The deadline to apply for the Vision Keepers Committee is Monday, January 4, 2021, at 5:00 pm. Applications can be obtained by visiting the City website at: www.cottagegrove.org or email at: communitycoordinator@cottagegrove.org. For further information call the Community Coordinators at: (541) 942-1185.

Historic Landmark Commission Vacancies

The City of Cottage Historic Landmark Commission has two to four vacancies on this volunteer body. The Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. The Historic Landmark Commission meets once a month on an as needed basis in the evening. Applicants must have a demonstrated positive interest, knowledge, or competence in historic preservation.

People interested in applying for this position need to complete a Historic Landmark Commission application available on line at: <https://www.cottagegrove.org/hlc/page/historic-landmark-commissioner-recruitment-3> or at the Public Works & Development Department at City Hall. The deadline for receiving applications is January 7, 2021, by noon. For further information please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3340.

Downtown Cottage Grove Valentine's Day Promotion

Proclaim your love with more than chocolates this upcoming Valentine's Day. Purchase a heart with a personalized message for your sweetie or loved one. Hearts will be hung on light poles on Main Street from Gateway Blvd through the historic district to River Road. If you purchased a heart last year, you can renew and reuse your heart for a discounted fee. Check out the online site, <https://donorbox.org/hearts-on-main-2> for more information. The deadline to purchase a heart is January 11, 2021.

Weekly Update # 10 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)

Seneca Sawmill was unable to support us with the lumber packages, so I have broken the need down to 3 smaller packages. Steve at the Swanson Group has agreed to give us some lumber, and I have Starfire, Sundance, and Frank Lumber to call if needed. Home Depot is not in a position to supply the roofing, but has put together a total package of minimum materials. So, I plan on calling the roofing manufacturers.

Ken with McKenzie Excavation & Paving plans on starting the septic system and drain field installation right after the new year. The existing system is leaking sewage in the back yard, so this is our priority. I will check in with George at H D Fowler to see if our materials are in and if they are able to donate them.

I was on the Beeper Show again on Wednesday during the 8:30 hour, which went pretty well. I have yet to hear back from KPNW's Wake Up Call. I will try again soon.

Our meeting to go over the plans one last time was cancelled, so we're working on rescheduling it. I also received word from the Clair Company that they recommend approval of the plans, so the County will be putting everything together and preparing them for issuance. Once the final plan is approved, I will need to get copies to the various mechanical, electrical, and plumbing subcontractors.

EPUD has completed their review and sent us a sketch of how they propose to run the power. They are boring underground from the existing power pole to our side of the road where they will install a transformer that provides the power to the Southmayds as well as their next door neighbor. This will require an easement at the new transformer. From there we will go underground about 175 feet to the new garage.

Dan Quatier, CEO of Interior-Tech in conjunction with ICC Region II has indeed donated \$15,000 which brings our account up to about \$33,000. This is a big deal that allows us some flexibility, and the ability to bridge the gap in donations. Thanks to Dan, Jack Applegate, and ICC Region II.

Lastly, the FSA is being worked on. Jayson has been diligently trying to contact the CEO of Forward Assist, but if that does not work out, his back-up plan is with another 501 C 3 organization.

Holiday Wishes

I want to take a moment as we are in the midst of the season of holidays to encourage everyone to take a moment and identify the good things that happened this year and express our appreciation to everyone that has been vital in helping us make it through this tumultuous year. I am so grateful for all the support and sense of community that is so widespread here in Cottage Grove. I hope you all have a joyous and bright holiday.

Quote of the Week:

“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”

~ Norman Vincent Peale~